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In re application of: Alan F. Savicki

Application No.: 10/049,319  
 Filed: February 5, 2002  
 For: CLOSURE DEVICE

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

## TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

## ENCLOSURES

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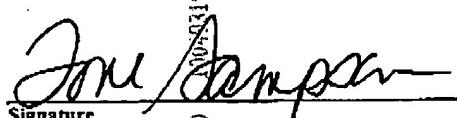
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3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	17 - 20 = 0	x \$ ***Rate CO***	= \$ ***Additional fee CO***
INDEP.	3 - 3 = 0	x \$ ***Independent rate CO***	= \$ ***Independent additional fee CO***
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM	+ \$ ***Multi dependent claim CO***	= \$ 0.00	
		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for two months:

Fee: \$420.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for one month(s) has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$110.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$310.00

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$310.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$1,080.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

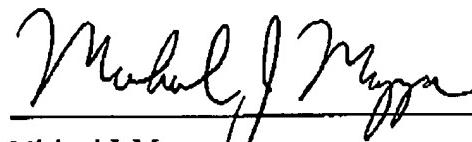
Charge Account 03-2270 the sum of \$1,080.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-2270.

**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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